STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Revision of Pay Scales of Government Servants.

*Q.—13. Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they propose to revise the salaries of or to give any other relief to, all or a few of the catagories of Government servants ;

(*b*) if so since how long the proposal is before the Government ;

(*c*) the amount they propose to spend on this account and the amount of Central assistance the Government hopes to get or has been assured of ?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) The question of giving relief is under consideration.

(*b*) Since the publication of Report of Central Pay Commission.

(*c*) Depends on the nature and quantum of relief to be decided upon. The Central Government is not likely to give any assistance.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—When a similar question was asked last time, the Finance Minister was pleased to say that Government was anxious to appoint a small Committee of officials to go into this question. May I know whether that Committee was appointed and if so, whether a report has already been submitted to the Government ?

†Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN (Deputy Minister for Finance).—That is also under consideration. Please wait till the Budget is presented and the Finance Minister's speech is delivered.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether the Government have appointed a committee or not and if they have appointed a committee, whether the report has been submitted to the Government ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The committee has not been appointed up till now.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—With reference to answer (*a*), may I take it that the question of revision of salaries is not being considered ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—It is an inter-related question. The whole question is under consideration.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—In case the Government decide to revise the salary of Government servants, do they contemplate to seek the assistance of the Central Government ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—It is hypothetical. It is too premature to be answered.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know if the relief contemplated will cover all Government servants or a section of Government servants ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Will you kindly wait till the 7th ?

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—I want to know whether the relief under contemplation will cover all the Government servants or only a section of the Government servants ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—As I said the whole question is under consideration.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I submit that the Hon'ble Minister cannot ' say wait till the 7th.' He can only say that the matter is under consideration.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—That was said only across the table.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What is the difficulty of Government in giving a straight answer to a straight question ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The answer is as straight as the question.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—There is a specific question but they ask us to wait till the 7th. The question was whether it covered revision of salaries of a particular category or not. The answer must be either in the affirmative or in the negative. They cannot say that the whole thing is under examination.

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The question of immediate relief or future relief on a permanent basis is all under consideration. The whole question is under consideration.

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Mr. SPEAKER.—The reply should be as far as possible specific. When they give a reply, that reply should be correct. It will not be fair to ask the Members to refer to the Budget or ask them to wait till the 7th.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಮರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಬಡ್ಜೆಟ್ ವಿಚಾರ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಏನು ಹೇಳ್ಕೋಣ? I am raising a point of order. Is he entitled to raise questions with regard to the Budget?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Under the guise of interpellations and supplementary questions, are members entitled to ask for the disclosure of certain secrets concerning the Budget? If the Government were to say 'yes' or 'no', it would amount to disclosing certain things. Therefore, at this juncture, when supplementaries are put, the Chair should see that there is no violation of this principle and there should be no indirect or coercive compulsion to disclose those secrets.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The point at issue is whether a Minister can say "please wait till the 7th" or "please wait till the Budget is placed before the House". In my opinion, if the question is difficult, it can only be answered by saying "it is not possible to give a reply now because it is under consideration" or "because it is not in public interest".

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—In view of the long time taken for consideration, do Government think of giving temporary relief?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Everything is under consideration.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I invite the attention of the Hon'ble Speaker to answer (*b*). It is stated there that the Central Government is not likely to give any assistance. This presupposes that they are thinking of asking the Central Government for assistance or if they have already done so, indications are that they are not going to get any assistance from them. Why did they approach the Central Government if they are not thinking of giving any relief? I want to know how much of money did they ask the Central Government by way of financial assistance and why did they ask.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—It cannot be disclosed just at present.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—When the Madras Government constituted a committee and got a report, what was the difficulty for this Government in constituting a similar committee to go into details and get a report, Sir?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The Madras Government has not yet got a report. The Committee is constituted in Madras. There are several other matters which have to be considered before a decision can be taken in a matter like that.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Government promised on the floor of this House last time that the Government would try to increase the salaries independently of the Central assistance?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—No promise was made, Sir.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is the Government aware that the Speaker of the Lok Sabha has announced that 50 per cent of the money required for revision of salaries would be met by the Central Government?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I saw in the press something to that effect. I am not very sure with regard to what he said, Sir. I made enquiries and I was given to understand that no assistance would be forthcoming from the Centre. That is my information.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is the Government aware that the pay of the non-gazetted officers in the Mysore State is the lowest in the whole of India, if not in the world?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—It is not correct, Sir. In some cases we are on a par with Madras and Andhra; in some cases, we are better off than Madras and Andhra.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—May I know in what cases we are better off?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—If the Hon'ble Member puts a separate question, I will give the list.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is the Hon'ble Minister prepared to place on the Table of the House the categories of Non-Gaztted officers who are much better than similar officers elsewhere?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Not much better, but better off. Yes, I will place it, Sir.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—The Hon'ble Deputy Minister was pleased to say that we should wait till the 7th. Shall we take it for granted that on that day, Government will be in a position to state their final decision?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—I never said '7th' Sir.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, under the very nose of the Speaker in the Assembly, the Hon'ble Deputy Minister is uttering a lie. He said 'wait till, the 7th'.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He did not say that.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—It is only across the table I said that, Sir. It is not the official reply.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is the Government convinced that there is a *prima facie* case for revising the pay scales of non-gazetted officers?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—I have already answered that question, Sir.

Recommendations of the Second Pay Commission.

*Q.—55. Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU (Cubbonpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they have accepted the recommendations of the Second Pay Commission as adopted by the Government of India and whether the Government contemplate implementing the recommendations of the said Pay Commission, and if so, to what extent?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

The recommendations of the Central Pay Commission are not applicable to State Government employees.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—While constituting the Second Pay Commission, was it not the idea that the disparities that existed in the pay scales of the Central Government employees and the State Government employees should be removed once and for all?

†Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—That was only our wish and our wishes do not have complete effect because it depends upon the financial resources of the State.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—It is not that pious wish that I am concerned about. It is a matter of fact. Is it not a fact that the Second Pay Commission was constituted with a view to remove once and for all the disparities that exist between the scales of the Central Government and the State Government employees?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—That was not included in the terms of reference of the Central Pay Commission, Sir.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—May I know whether the Central Pay Commission consulted the State Governments while fixing the Central scales so as to reduce the disparities in the two scales that obtain at present?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—There was no such consultation.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether it is the recommendation of the Central Pay Commission that there must be a difference between Central Pay scales and the pay scales of the State Governments? Do our Government accept that position?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The question of our acceptance does not arise. It is for the Central Government.....

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is it not true that the Govenment of India have